

SUMMARY OF INTERVIEW

Attendees, Date and Type of Interview

The interview was conducted on May 28, 2008 and attended by Examiner Burleson and Applicant's counsel of record, John R. King.

Exhibits and/or Demonstrations

None

Identification of Claims Discussed

Claim 1

Identification of Prior Art Discussed

U.S. Patent No. 5,668,857 to McHale (hereinafter "McHale").

U.S. Patent No. 6,795,408 to Hiett (hereinafter "Hiett").

Proposed Amendments

See Claim 1.

Principal Arguments and Other Matters

Applicant discussed how the variable time duration occurs when the outgoing modems are active in contrast to McHale which performs a timeout when a modem is inactive. Furthermore, Applicant discussed how the duration of the claimed variable wait time is based on factors that are different than McHale's timeout process.

Results of Interview

It was Applicant's understanding that the Examiner would further consider the amendments upon submission of this Supplemental Amendment.